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I am opposed to the microsoft settlement. Anything that leaves the company in tact will ultimately lead to future illegal activity. Remember, microsoft was found guilty of illegally using a monopoly. This means to me that in fact they have a monopoly and have manipulated it to great profit. Any settlement that does not realize microsoft has made an effort to do things that are illegal and must be curtailed immediately is not acceptable.

For example, here at Stanford we use kerberos for authenticating our computers. MIT does likewise. When we wanted to incorporate Windows 2000 into our domain, we found they had changed the standard subtly so Microsoft software worked with our current infrastructure if we used microsoft servers. Never mind we had unix servers that never crashed and previously worked fine.

Microsoft will push the competitive edge until there are no more competitors. This is american business. American law dictates that these activities be checked, and curtailed when necessary.

Please do something to curtail the current activity as well as future anti-trust violations.

Signed,
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